

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising:

a main body having a suction opening ~~for sucking therein~~ being formed at the lower end thereof and an exhaust grill for exhausting air, the main body having a dust collecting chamber, a driving chamber, and a cord reel chamber which are provided successively by partitions;

a socket ~~adapted to~~ being attached to a lower end of the main body and having a connecting opening communicating with the dust collecting chamber;

a first cleaner connected detachably to ~~the connecting opening of the~~ socket;

a second cleaner installed hingedly on ~~a portion~~ an outer surface of the socket and connected detachably to the connecting opening of the socket when the first cleaner is detached from the socket;

a motor assembly installed in the driving chamber for providing suction force;

a cord reel installed in the cord reel chamber for winding up a power cord that supplies power to the motor assembly; and

a handle ~~adapted to an~~ fixed hingedly at the upper end of the main body in a retractable manner.

2. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the main body has an area ~~depressed toward~~ dented into the driving chamber and communicating therewith, ~~an~~ the exhaust grill formed at ~~the~~ one side of the ~~depressed~~ dented area, and a grill cover having a plurality of apertures for covering the ~~depressed~~ dented area.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The vacuum cleaner according to claim 2, wherein the ~~depressed~~ dented area has a first locking hole at a one side thereof and a first locking protrusion at the other side thereof, and

~~and~~ the grill cover has a second locking protrusion on one portion thereof fixed to the first locking hole, a tension lock having a second locking hole on the other portion thereof for being fixed to the first locking protrusion, a first stopper protruding on both sides of the tension lock, and a second stopper protruding toward the tension lock for restricting an operating position of the first stopper.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the socket has a guide groove at a front plane thereof to communicate with the connecting opening for guiding ~~a rotatory motion~~ of the second cleaner and a positioning protrusion ~~protruding from~~ formed on the front plane ~~thereof~~, and the first cleaner has a positioning portion formed at an upper surface thereof for supporting the positioning protrusion to restrict the inclination of the main body with respect to the first cleaner, wherein the

positioning protrusion has a cut-off portion at the center portion of the end thereof, and a belt pin is attached to the outwardly exposed cut-off portion ~~which is exposed~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the first cleaner comprises a brush head having a suction port located at a lower surface thereof and ~~moving~~ being able to be moved by wheels; an inlet duct communicating with the suction port; a rotary duct being vertically rotatably connected ~~rotatably~~ to the inlet duct ~~in a vertical manner~~; a first adaptor being vertically rotatably connected ~~rotatably~~ to the rotary duct ~~in a horizontal manner~~ and communicating detachably with the connecting opening of the socket; and a stopper means for restricting a rotation angle of the first adaptor with respect to the rotary duct.

6. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 5, wherein the brush head comprises a main push plate installed on the upper surface thereof ~~which is exposed~~; a sub push plate connected to a connecting shaft fitted to the main push plate and moving integrally with the main push plate; and a first brush installed in ~~the~~ an inner part of the brush head to ~~appear~~ be protruded or be retracted from the lower surface of the brush head depending on a pressing of ~~the~~ a main push button, wherein the stopper means comprises a rotation stopper protruding from an outer surface of the rotary duct, and a first stop rib and a second stop rib formed symmetrically at a lower portion of the first adaptor to restrict a moving position of the rotation stopper.

7. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the second cleaner comprises a second adaptor installed hingedly in a guide groove at a front plane of the socket and connected detachably to the connecting opening of the socket; a flexible hose connected to the second adaptor; a joint connected to the hose and having a fitting member fitted detachably to a clip attached to the main body for fastening the second cleaner to the main body; and a ~~thin~~ suction pipe connected separably to the joint.

8. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the cord reel comprises a mounting bracket having a base plate installed firmly in the cord reel chamber by a plurality of ribs formed in the cord reel chamber, a hub protruding from a side of the base plate, and a cord outlet formed integrally with the base plate for accommodating the power cord; a guide roller installed rotatably between the hub and the cord outlet for guiding the power cord passing through the cord outlet; and a bobbin installed rotatably on the hub for winding up the power cord guided by the guide roller.

9. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaner according to claim 8, wherein the cord outlet has a ~~tern~~ cut portion at a portion thereof for inserting the power cord into the cord outlet, and the guide roller has an annular guide flange at an end portion thereof for preventing the power cord from escaping from the guide roller.

10. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the handle comprises a stick handle; a bracket fitted to an end portion of the main body for

fastening hingedly an end of the stick handle to the main body; a locking means for fitting detachably the other end of the stick handle to an outer surface of the main body; and a stopper means for controlling a foldable position of the stick handle with ~~respect~~ respect to the main body.

11. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaner according to claim 10, wherein the handle has a power switch electrically connected to a terminal box, the power switch controlling an operation of the vacuum cleaner ~~for~~ by controlling an operation of the terminal box.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, further comprising an exhaust duct for guiding air from the driving chamber to the exhaust grill, wherein the exhaust duct has an inlet for sucking the air in the driving chamber into the exhaust duct; an outlet connected to the exhaust grill for exhausting the sucked air; and a curved portion between the inlet and outlet surrounding the motor assembly at a predetermined distance apart for ~~cutting off~~ disconnecting the exhaust grill from the motor assembly.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, further comprising at least one dust filtering means installed in the main body for filtering air.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The vacuum cleaner according to claim 13, wherein the dust filtering means comprises a dust bag installed in the dust collecting chamber to

communicate with the connecting opening; a first filter installed between the dust collecting chamber and the driving chamber; and a second filter installed in an area ~~depressed toward~~ dented into the driving chamber.

15. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, further comprising an auxiliary handle fixed to an outer surface of the main body for lifting the vacuum cleaner to carry it.

16. (Currently Amended) A The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, further comprising a shoulder belt fitted to a predetermined position for lifting the vacuum cleaner onto user's shoulder to carry it, wherein the shoulder belt comprises a belt hung on user's shoulder; a hook attached to an end of the belt and connected to a belt pin attached to a positioning protrusion formed on a front plane of the socket; and a buckle attached to the other end of the belt and connected to an auxiliary handle fixed to an outer surface of the main body.